the marketability of finished products of handloom sector. Reports regarding closure of looms from some parts of the country have come, however, there is no large scale unemployment on account of increase in yarn prices.

(b) A statement giving month end prices of popular and high cost variety of raw cotton is attached. (*See* appendix 170, annexure No., 6) During the period March, 1993 to February, 1994 while the raw cotton prices increased by 61.8% the cotton hank prices increased only by 13.5% and cone yarn prices by 20.9% during the same period.

(c) While the rising trend in cotton prices has been checked, there has not been much fall as yet in cotton prices. However, Government have taken following measures also to check the prices of cotton and cotton yarn:—

(i) decision to permit duty free import of cotton upto 5 lakh bales by spinning mills;

(ii) stopping of unutilised export quota of cotton out of 5 lakh bales of cotton released for export during 1993-94;

(iii) suspension of export on 9.2.94 in respect of the quantity of cotton already contracted for export but not yet shipped;

(iv) Re-introduction of selective credit controls on cotton;

(v) Requesting the State Governments to take steps to check hoarding of cotton;

(vi) Arrangement for supply of hank yarn by spinning mills at prices which are at least Rs. 8.00 per kg. cheaper than January, 1994 prices.

(d) There are no such reports received by Government.

(e) Yes, Sir. Steps have been taken to improve availability of Viscos Staple Fibre to enable mills to take up blending with cotton.

Funds for Modernisation of Textile Mills

187. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of funds provided by Government for modernisation of textile mills during the last three years state-wise including Tamil Nadu; and

(b) the funds earmarked therefor during 1993-94?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Statement is attached (*See* below)

(b) Modernisation of textile mills is a continuous process and quantum of modernisation assistance granted to industrial unit including textile mills depends upon its need and ability to meet viability/financing norms of institutions.

Statement

As per information furnished by Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI), State-wise Assistance sanctioned and disbursed to textile mills during the last 3 years is given below (1.8.91 to 31.3.93)

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of State	1990-91		1991-92		1992-93	
		Sanc.	Disb.	Sanc.	Disb.	Sanc.	Disb.
1	Orissa	392.00	—	—	—	—	—
2	West Bengal	—	—	310.00	208.00	—	
3	Assam	485.00	709.00	—	—	—	—
4	Haryana	—	—	55.00	—	60.00	—

5	Jammu & Kashmir	22.00	—	—	—	—	—
6	Punjab	500.00	500.00	1560.00	910.00	1341.00	—
7	Rajasthan	385.00	85.00	200.00	200.00	—	
8	Uttar Pradesh	180.00	—	—	—	—	—
9	Gujarat	546.00	461.00	324.50	331.30	2201.00	1717.00
10	Maharashtra	1246.00	1080.00	807.00	282.00	2808.00	1986.00
11	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	—	—	—	250.00	—
12	Madhya Pradesh	—	—	—	—	500.00	—
13	Andhra Pradesh	2076.00	1230.00	1257.00	1125.12	1235.40	216.00
14	Karnataka	253.00	253.00	—	—	1105.00	—
15	Kerala	104.00	104.00	428.00	245.12	—	—
16	Tamil Nadu	3584.00	2548.41	1736.50	1129.80	3187.00	2100.00
17	Pondicherry (U.T.)	—	—	685.00	—	—	—
	TOTAL:	9773.00	6970.41	7363.00	4423.34	12687.40	6019.45

Increasing the Production of Handloom Cloth in Tamil Nadu

188. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu Government has forwarded any scheme to the Union Government for increasing the production of handloom cloth in that State and for the welfare of the weavers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) On the basis of proposals received from the State Central assistance has been released to the Government to Tamil Nadu under various schemes during the year 1993-94 upto 31st January, 1994 as follows:

Sl. No.	Scheme	Amount (Rs. in lakhs)
1	Margin Money for Destitute Weavers Scheme.	31.19
2	National Silk Yarn Bank Scheme.	25.00
3	Integrated Handloom Village Development Scheme.	41.27
4	Thrift Fund Scheme.	90.00
5	Group Insurance Scheme.	28.49
6	Special Rebate/MDA Scheme.	600.00
7	Janata Cloth Scheme	822.43

सूती धागे का निर्यात

189. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:** क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार बुनकरों की मांगों को अनदेखा करके तथा कपास निर्यातकों के दबाव के तहत सूती धागे का बड़ी मात्रा में निर्यात करने का लक्ष्य निर्धारित कर रही है;